

Service Date: October 30, 1975

BEFORE THE UTILITY DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER of the Application)	DOCKET NO. 6337
of the TOWN OF CIRCLE for Authority to)	
Adopt Increased Water Rates.)	<u>DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4210</u>

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On July 9, 1975, the Town of Circle petitioned the Montana Public Service Commission for an Order authorizing the applicant to increase its water rates in order to generate revenues to expand its water system.

Having considered the petition and the documentation furnished by applicant in support of its petition and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1) A notice of a proposed public hearing to be held, if requested, at 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 1975, in the courthouse at Circle, Montana, was published in the August 7, 1975, edition of the Circle Banner. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by August 26, 1975, the hearing would be cancelled and an appropriate order issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2) No requests for a hearing were received and the hearing was accordingly

cancelled.

3) On August 12, 1975, the Town Council of the Town of Circle unanimously adopted a resolution setting water rates at the proposed level.

4) In order to guarantee its ability to provide reasonably adequate service to residents, the Town of Circle needs to drill a new well, provide water storage, and eliminate certain dead-end-mains.

5) These improvements are necessary in order to bring the Town's water system up to the standards recommended by the Montana Fire Rating bureau. In addition, expansion of the system is required if the town is going to be able to offer continued water service under projected growth patterns.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1) That the rates approved by applicant and all other rates approved herein, are just and reasonable.

ORDER

1) The following changes to the old rate tariff are authorized to be charged for all water delivered after the service date October 30, 1975, of this Order. And the utility should file a tariff reflecting them with the Commission within 14 days:

Metered Service-First 4,000 gallons	\$6 .50
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Flat Rate	\$6.50
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2) The Town of Circle is commended for its voluntary efforts to meter all of the water sold by it. This Commission supports Circle in that endeavor and hopes that 100 percent metering will be achieved as soon as possible so that everyone may be charged on a uniform usage basis.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana, October 3, 1975, by a 5-0 vote.

BY ORDER of the MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

THOMAS G. MONAHAN, Commissioner

P.J. GILFEATHER, Commissioner

JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner

GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

GAIL E. BEHAN
Secretary

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing within thirty (30) days from the service of this Order, a petition for review pursuant to Section 82-4216, R.C.M. 1947.